Mike Norrad of Norquip Supply Ltd., Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada had the right solution when Crown Contracting inc. needed a concrete finisher for a specialty paving project at the Goose Bay Labrador AFB.

A 28' wide Speed Screed® Heavy-Duty from MFC was supplied by Norquip for the Goose Bay project. Although Crown Contracting had some limited previous experience with a mechanical screed, they were very pleased with the performance of the machine. Not only did the Speed Screed® require minimum labor to set up and operate, but it also produced quality concrete pavement to meet the tight Canadian AFB specifications.

MFC travels to Las Vegas every year for World of Concrete and every 3 years for CONEXPO.

Now MFC returns to Las Vegas to showcase our Sterling “Tough Guy” wheelbarrows at the 2016 National Hardware Show.

MFC is exhibiting due to a growing market among independent hardware stores/garden centers for quality wheelbarrows not found in the big box stores.

You know, innovation is nothing new here at the form factory. It all started over 100 years ago when August F. Reichert was granted a patent for concrete wall molds. Manufacturing forms for the construction of monolithic homes and buildings in the early 1900’s set the Company on a course of innovation in concrete construction that is still alive today.

Although our name suggest otherwise, steel forms are not the only type of form in our product line. No Sir! MFC also offers a revolutionary plastic forming system with the registered trademark Poly Meta Forms®. This patented product truly separates MFC from all of our steel form competitors and has grown to be a significant part of the company’s sales volume.

The entrepreneurial spirit at MFC does not stop at form work. We also manufacture Speed Screed® finishing machines for all types of concrete paving projects. The combination of concrete forms and screeds allows MFC to stand uniquely alone in offering a complete line of Form To Finish™ products.

There is a moral to this mettle: Despite advancing years, neither a person nor a company should stop acting young. Just remember, age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.
FAREWELL KATHY!
Well, Sort of...

As Kathy Karth neared her retirement from MFC in April, she had received an abundance of good wishes from dealers around the country. This is not surprising, since Kathy has been building excellent rapport with MFC dealers for over 26 years.

Kathy has the unique talent to combine extraordinary product knowledge with the ability to communicate this expertise in a very pleasant, precise and understandable manner. These attributes will definitely be missed by both our dealers and the entire MFC family on Booth Street.

The good news is that Kathy will continue her presence at MFC after retirement. On a part-time basis, Kathy will concentrate her efforts on one specific project: Dealer Websites. Her goal is to initiate a Metal Forms presence on every dealer’s website so expect a call from Kathy in the future.

“I would like to thank everyone in the Metal Forms family and all of the MFC customers I have met and had the opportunity to work with. This is a unique industry with unique people and it’s been a pleasure being part of it. I will miss the daily contact and friendly banter. Best wishes to you all.”

-Kathy Karth

ALL ABOARD FLORIDA

Working closely with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Archer Western will be responsible for the construction of the railway, the roadway and related structures for the All Aboard Florida’s intercity passenger trains that begin service from the airport in late 2017.

Archer Western will build the running surface (concrete plinths) for the new monorail system. The concrete plinths are roughly 8000 ft long with 4 total tracks and varying in heights from 9” to 12” and then again from 12” to 16”. All of the variances are due to elevation differences in the base. However, the concrete plinths are required to be level through the course to provide level travel. The contractor required special forms to meet their needs and they contacted Metal Forms in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for a unique solution.

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ADJUSTABLE PAVING FORM

The Adjustable Paving Form is designed to be adjustable from heights of either 9”-12”, or 12”-16” with any desired size in between.

The form includes carriage bolts and wing nuts to keep the front skin tight against the base. This also provides a sliding track to help keep the forms in alignment.

Shorter forms (5’ lengths) were used for radius pours.

The four (4) adjustable top spacers per 10’ were designed to facilitate gang stripping.

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